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      Elder Brigham Young arose and said:  I will make an apology for my remarks in the former part of the day.  Some may think I spoke very plainly; but the object I had in view was to teach you your duty, as I am aware the people are not made to feel it; and the apology I have to make is this:  I will turn Thomsonian doctor, and give the composition without cream and sugar,---it matters not whether I get friends or foes.  If this work does not live, I do not want to live; for it is my life, my joy, my all; and if it sinks, God knows I do not want to swim.

      I wish you to understand this---that he that gathereth not with us scattereth, and they have not the Spirit of God.  We live in anticipation of the day when mobs cannot harm us, and they who have tasted the bitter cup feel to realize this hope.  Wake up, ye Elders of Israel who have sought to build yourselves up, and not the kingdom of God, and put on your sword. Wake up, ye that have daubed with untempered mortar!  Hearken and hear me; for I say unto you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that if you do not help us to build the Temple and the Nauvoo House, you shall not inherit the land of Zion.

      If you do not help to build up Zion and the cause of God, and help me and my brethren on our way when we want to go on the Lord's business, you shall not partake of the blessings which are laid up in store for the Saints. Many elders seek to build themselves up, and not the work of the Lord. They will say "Put gold rings on my fingers; give me what I want;" and they care nothing about the Temple.  This they should not do.  I will not allow myself to do so; and when any one does this, no matter who he may be, even though he was one of the Twelve, he will not prosper.  Those of the Twelve and others of the elders who have apostatized, I have known their hearts and their breathings.  I have known their movements although they thought I did not know much; But I knew all about them; and when I see men preaching to build themselves up, and not Zion, I know what it will end in. But you may say you are young.  I don't care if you are.  Are you old enough to know what you are about?  If so, preach and labor for the building up of the city of Zion; concentrate your means and influence there, and not scatter abroad.  Instead of which, some of the elders appear to be dumb and lazy, and care for nothing but themselves.

      Now, ye Elders, will you be faithful?  If not, you will not be chosen, for the day of choosing is at the door.  Why be afraid of a sacrifice?  I have given my all many times, and am willing to do it again.  I would be glad to hear the Lord say through His servant Joseph, "Let my servant Brigham give again all that he has," I would obey it in a moment, if it took the last coat off my back.